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Security Council

3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Middle East Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting Executive meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)

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General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Organizational Committee

3 p.m. Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda (PBC/6/OC/1)
2. Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifth session (PBC/5/OC/L.1)
3. Election of the Chair and other officers
4. Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the informal meeting.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document

The Preparatory Committee will continue its informal informal negotiations on sections I and II of the zero draft of the outcome document *today*, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document and the schedule of subsequent consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today*, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB), on protection of civilians.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place *today*, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place *today*, 27 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Briefing

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board *today*, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The following agenda items will be introduced: item 4 (Annual report to the Economic and Social Council (E/ICEF/2012/3)); and item 5 (Road map towards the medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2012/5)).

Other meetings

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Friday, 27 January 2012

African Group (Second Committee experts) (on Rio+20)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Social Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conferenceon Sustainable Development)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other activities

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Friday, 27 January 2012

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Memorial ceremony on the theme "Children and the Holocaust" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited to attend. To register for the event, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Paula Green, Outreach Division (e-mail greenp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3868).]

Informal meeting regarding the joint proposal on the sustainable development goals (SDGs) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia)

From 1.15 to 2.30 in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. David Rodríguez, Permanent Mission of Colombia (e-mail drodriguez@colombiaun.org; tel. 1 (212) 355-7776).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 27 January 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on the global field support strategy; and environment; and

Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on helicopters; gap list; and expanding the base of troop-contributing countries.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place on Monday, 30 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place on Monday, 30 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *today*, 27 January 2012, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding their accessibility requirements, at the earliest (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

The 2012 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 30 January, to Wednesday, 8 February 2012, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda will be issued as document E/C.2/2012/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail leong@un.org (room IN-606A); and ais@un.org (room IN-609)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *today*, 27 January 2012.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *today*, 27 January 2012.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 30 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012; and

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and.

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 26 January 2012

Security Council

6708th meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Twenty-ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2011/807)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Albert Koenders, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Albert Koenders.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

6709th meeting *Peace and security in Africa*

Letter dated 17 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/42)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Chad, Mali and Niger, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, France, the United Kingdom, India, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Germany, China, the United States, Portugal, Guatemala, Azerbaijan, Morocco and Togo, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of South Africa.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Niger, Mali and Chad.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Mongolia (26 January 2012)

Signature: Senegal (26 January 2012)

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Mongolia (26 January 2012)

Signature: Senegal (26 January 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

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Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

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Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
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Official meetings

Monday, 30 January 2012

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

UNMISS (S/2011/678)

1988 Committee report

Other matters

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Final performance report of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)
2. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)
3. Budget performance of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (MINURCAT)
4. Executive meeting

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Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Organizational Committee

10 a.m. Informal meeting (closed) . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Morning[1]–1 p.m. 1st meeting . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda (PBC/6/OC/1)
2. Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifth session (PBC/5/OC/L.1)
3. Election of the Chair and other officers
4. Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the informal meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

1. Election of officers . . . [1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2012/1) . . . [2]
3. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat . . . [5]

4. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304 [6]

5. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [8]

6. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.1–18 and E/C.2/2012/R.3) [3 (b)]

3–6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.1–18 and E/C.2/2012/R.3) [3 (b)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.]

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme

Joint meeting 2012

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Middle-income countries: The role and presence of the United Nations for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals [1]

Chair:

President, Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
H.E. Mr. Mårten Grunditz, Permanent Representative of Sweden

Introductory remarks:

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA

Guest speakers:

H.E. Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan, Permanent Representative of Turkey

Mr. Abdel Malek Achergui, Head, Division of the United Nations System for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Morocco

Professor Ravi Kanbur, T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs, International Professor of Applied Economics, Professor of Economics, Cornell University

Mr. Diego Palacios, Representative, United Nations Country Team, Mexico (via video conference)

Discussion

3–6 p.m. 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Least developed countries: United Nations' collaborative contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action . . . . . [2]

Chair
President, Executive Board of UN-Women
H.E. Mr. Kim Sook, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea

Introductory remarks
Mr. Jan Mattson, Executive Director, UNOPS

Guest speakers
Mr. Pasi Hellman, Deputy Director-General, Department for Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Acting Director, Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Mr. Steven Miller, Consultant in employment policies, The New School

Discussion

[Documents for the joint meeting can be consulted on the Web at the following address: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59925.html>.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place on *Monday, 30 January 2012*, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place on *Monday, 30 January 2012*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Other meetings

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Monday, 30 January 2012

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Social Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D (NLB)

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 30 January 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on the global field support strategy; and environment; and

Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on helicopters; gap list; and expanding the base of troop-contributing countries.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

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inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Economic and Social Council
Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place on Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m., in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family", under agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the facilitator, Mr. Ahmad Azzi (Qatar), will take place on Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional

annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding their accessibility requirements, at the earliest (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefings

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will brief representatives of non-governmental organizations on preparations

for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the **fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by** a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1.

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Thursday, 2 February 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012; and

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and.

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space. New York, 12 November 1974

Accession: South Africa (27 January 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Benin
H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

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Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

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Slovenia
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Latin American and Caribbean States:
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H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
Chargé d'affaires

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Portugal
H.E. Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral

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Department of Political Affairs
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Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

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<www.un.org/law/avl/>

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International Court of Justice
<www.icj-cij.org/>

Journal of the United Nations
<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

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United Nations Webcast
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Yearbook of the United Nations
<http://unyearbook.un.org>

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 27 January 2012

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations <http://documents.un.org> in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/66/667	Item 20 — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — Letter dated 8 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
A/66/L.34/Add.1	Item 33 — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict — Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and

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S/2012/59	Letter dated 23 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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Economic and Social Council

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Official meetings

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3 p.m. — 6710th meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/71)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of January 2012 (South Africa) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the completed programme of work for the month of January, *today*, 31 January 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2012 regular session

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3–6 p.m. 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.1–18 and E/C.2/2012/R.3) . . . . . [3 (b)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.]

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme

Joint meeting 2012

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Making United Nations operational activity work for accelerated development: Quadrennial comprehensive policy review (Delivering as One, results reporting) . . [3]

Chair

President, Executive Board of UNICEF
H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda

Introductory remarks

Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP

Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

Discussion

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Transition . . . . . [4]

Chair

President, Executive Board of WFP
H.E. Mr. James A. Harvey, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Rome-based United Nations agencies

Introductory remarks

Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Excutive Director, UN-Women

Discussion

[Documents for the joint meeting can be consulted on the Web at the following address: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59925.html>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today*, 31 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the global field support strategy; and environment.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place *today*, 31 January 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family", under agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the facilitator, Mr. Ahmad Azizi (Qatar), will take place *today*, 31 January 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation on the UNOPS revised Financial Regulations and Rules, *today*, 31 January 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the Commission for Social Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (briefing by the United Nations Development Programme)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. — H.E. Mr. Baso Sangqu (South Africa), President of the Security Council for the month of January (end-of-term press conference)

5 p.m. — H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar; and Dr. Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the Arab League [*Moderator*: Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information] (on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic)

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing on helicopters, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to *4.30 p.m.* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Informal meeting

An informal meeting, convened by the Chair of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, to discuss the working methods of the Committee, will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Friday, 3 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold its organizational session from Tuesday, 7 February, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2.

Briefings

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

There will also be a briefing by the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, followed by an interactive discussion on the current global economic outlook and the related policy challenges based on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012* report, on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Vos (e-mail vos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4838).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding their accessibility requirements, at the earliest (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefings

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will brief representatives of non-governmental organizations on preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, **will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served** basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1.

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Thursday, 2 February 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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African Group (Second Committee experts) (on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and causes of conflict)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Monday, 6 February 2012, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from *9.30 a.m.* to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Special event on "Common ground for the common good" (to mark the concluding day of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (1–7 February 2012), as proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 65/5 (A/RES/65/5)) (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the NGO Community at the United Nations)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[Opening remarks would be delivered by the President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General. All are invited to attend. Kindly register at <www.interfaithharmonyweek.info>, *by Sunday, 5 February 2012*. Click here for the message of the President of the General Assembly for the 40-day countdown to the Week. For further information, please contact Ms. Amena Cheema, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail cheema1@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4517).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and.

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 30 January 2012

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Organizational Committee

1st meeting

The outgoing Chair, H.E. Mr. Eugène-Richard Gasana (Rwanda), declared open the first meeting of the sixth session of the Organizational Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/6/OC/1.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifth session (PBC/5/OC/L.1) [2]

The Committee had before it the draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifth session, as contained in the document PBC/5/OC/L.1.

The Committee adopted the draft report.

Election of the Chair and other officers [3]

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen (Bangladesh) as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for a period of one year ending on 31 December 2012, by acclamation.

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Ranko Vilović (Croatia) as Vice-Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for a period of one year beginning on ending on 31 December 2012, by acclamation.

The outgoing Chair made a statement.

The Chair-elect made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, India, France, Brazil, Ukraine, Chile, Tunisia, El Salvador, Japan, Nigeria and Croatia.

Other matters [4]

No other matters were discussed.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The temporary Chair of the Committee, Mr. Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan), opened the 2012 regular session of the Committee.

Election of officers [1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova (Bulgaria) as Chair of its 2012 regular session.

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Committee postponed the election of the other members of the Bureau to a later date.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.2/2012/1.

Organization of work

The Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in Working Paper No. 1.

Schedule of work

The Committee approved its tentative schedule of work, as orally revised.

The Acting Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), made a statement.

General statements were made by the representatives of China, Belgium, Morocco, Pakistan and the Sudan.

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat [5]

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304 [6]

General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non- Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [8]

An introductory statement was made by the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Belgium, Pakistan, China, Israel, Peru and Burundi, as well as by the observer for Argentina.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 21 non-governmental organizations.

2nd meeting *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Israel and Belgium, as well as by the observer for Indonesia.

The representatives of Belgium, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Burundi, the United States, the Sudan, Morocco and Senegal posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Pragya; All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis; Famille Debout; Innovation Africa; and The Institute for Conscious Global Change, Inc.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 26 non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Ukraine (30 January 2012)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Ukraine (30 January 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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Benin

H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

Asia-Pacific States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Portugal
H.E. Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral

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Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

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<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
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<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

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<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

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A/66/669–S/2012/61 Item 35 — **Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Identical letters dated 24 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the** Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

A/RES/66/17 Item 37 — **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine** [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

Security Council **Documents**

A/66/669–S/2012/61 Identical letters dated 24 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

S/2012/63 Identical letters dated 25 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

S/2012/66 Letter dated 25 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

S/2012/69 Identical letters dated 27 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Fifty-second session

CEDAW/C/BHS/Q/5 List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Bahamas [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

Secretariat

ST/IC/2012/5 Information circular — Payment of 2011 income taxes [E (only)] — *35 pages*

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations	

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of February 2012 (Togo) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2012 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 5th meeting **Conference Room 1 (NLB)**

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.1–18 and E/C.2/2012/R.3) [3 (b)]

3–6 p.m. 6th meeting **Conference Room 1 (NLB)**

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2012/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2012/CRP.3) [3 (a)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.]

Commission for Social Development

Fiftieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting **Conference Room 4 (NLB)**

1. Opening of the regular session
2. Address by the President of the Economic and Social Council
3. Address by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
4. Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
5. Election of officers [1]
6. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.5/2012/1) [2]
7. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2012/2) [3]

   (a) Priority theme: poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/27 and E/CN.5/2012/NGO/28)

   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups (A/67/61–E/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/5, E/CN.5/2012/6 and E/CN.5/2012/7)

      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes

(c) Emerging issues: youth: poverty and unemployment (E/CN.5/2012/8)

Introductory statement

Presentation of the outcome of the Civil Society Forum

General discussion

3–6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2012/2) [3]

(a) Priority theme: poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/27 and E/CN.5/2012/NGO/28)

Panel discussion: "Priority theme: Poverty eradication"

[To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please click here.]

[The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrinoi@un.org). Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed seven minutes, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed ten minutes, and statements made by observers should not exceed five minutes. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to latin@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission. Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 3 (NLB)

3–5.30 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Organizational matters [1]

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2012/L.1)

Decisions adopted at the second regular session 2011 (DP/2012/2)

UNFPA segment

2. Statement by the Executive Director

3. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [5]

Institutional budget estimates for 2012-2013 (DP/FPA/2012/1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the institutional budget estimates for 2012-2013 and revision of Financial regulations and Rules (DP/FPA/2012/2)

Revision of the UNFPA Financial Regulations and Rules (DP/FPA/2012/3)

4. Internal audit and oversight [6]

Outline of the plan of action to address the recommendations in the report on internal audit and oversight activities in 2010 (decision 2011/22)

5. Country programmes and related matters [7]

Africa States: Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia, Malawi, Mozambique and South Sudan

Arab States: Algeria and Yemen

Asia and Pacific States: Iran (Islamic Republic of), Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Thailand and Viet Nam

Latin America and Caribbean States: Brazil, Dominican Republic, Panama and Peru

5.30–6 p.m. Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Informal consultations on draft decisions

[The Western European and Other States Group will meet *daily* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).]

[Internal audit and oversight and Country programmes and other matters will be discussed from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).]

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place *today*, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 1 February 2012

African Group (Second Committee experts) (on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and causes of conflict)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 1 February 2012

UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 1 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on helicopters;

Monday, 6 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on cooperation with the African Union and other regional partnerships; and child protection; and

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on HIV and other health-related issues, and peacekeeping.

Informal meeting

An informal meeting, convened by the Chair of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, to discuss the working methods of the Committee, will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold its organizational session from Tuesday, 7 February, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2.

Briefings

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

There will also be a briefing by the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, followed by an interactive discussion on the current global economic outlook and the related policy challenges based on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012* report, on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Vos (e-mail vos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4838).

Informal meeting

On Thursday, 9 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a preparatory meeting for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The preparatory meeting will take place in Conference Room 7 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

The morning session, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will consist of an interactive panel discussion on the topic "New dynamics of development cooperation: challenges and

opportunities". The interactive discussion will be moderated by Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator and Director of the Partnerships Bureau, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The afternoon session, from 3 to 6 p.m., will consist of an interactive panel discussion on the topic "Gearing development cooperation towards sustainable development". The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4946).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family", under agenda item 3 (b), convened by the facilitator, Mr. Ahmad Azizi (Qatar), will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development", under agenda item 2, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefings

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will brief representatives of non-governmental organizations on preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1.

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Thursday, 2 February 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Monday, 6 February 2012, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special event on "Common ground for the common good" (to mark the concluding day of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (1–7 February 2012), as proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 65/5 (A/RES/65/5)) (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the NGO Community at the United Nations)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[Opening remarks would be delivered by the President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General. All are invited to attend. Kindly register at <www.interfaithharmonyweek.info>, *by Sunday, 5 February 2012. Click here* for the message of the President of the General Assembly for the 40-day countdown to the Week. For further information, please contact Ms. Amena Cheema, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail cheemal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4517).]

High-level briefing on "Challenges in the Fight Against Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking: A system wide response" (co-organized by the Co-Chairs of the United Nations System Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Department of Political Affairs (DPA); in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Austria and Mexico)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend; non-governmental organizations are welcome to come based on seating availability. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 31 January 2012

Security Council

6710th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/71)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Qatar and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard briefings by H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber bin Muhammad Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of

Qatar, Chair of the current session of the Arab League Council at the Ministerial Level, and by H.E. Mr. Nabil Elaraby.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Statements were made by H.E. The Honourable Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America; H.E. Mr. Alain Juppé, Ministre d'Etat, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of France; H.E. The Right Honourable William Hague, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Harold Caballeros, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Paulo Portas, Minister of State and Foreign Relations of the Portuguese Republic; H.E. Mr. Youssef Amrani, Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Michael Link, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany; and by the representatives of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, China, Azerbaijan, Togo, India and Colombia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of South Africa.

H.E. Sheikh Al Thani made a further statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a further statement.

H.E. Mr. Elaraby made a further statement.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2012 regular session

3rd meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Morocco, Belgium, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Cuba, Turkey and Israel, as well as by the observers from Switzerland and Austria.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 23 non-governmental organizations and general consultative status be granted to two non-governmental organizations.

4th meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Pakistan, Morocco, Belgium, the United States, the Sudan and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The representatives of Burundi, China, Cuba, the Sudan, Morocco, India, Belgium, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Nicaragua posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Afrikanische Initiative für Bürgerrechte, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project and ICW Global Comunidad Internacional de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH/SIDA Asociacion Civil.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 12 non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Chad (31 January 2012)

Signature: Thailand (31 January 2012)

Corrections to the original text of the Protocol (French version) and to the certified true copies (31 January 2012)

Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Chad (31 January 2012)

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Partial withdrawal: Netherlands (31 January 2012)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Proposal of corrections to the Chinese text of amendments to Annexes A, B and C (31 January 2012)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Mozambique (30 January 2012)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Mozambique (30 January 2012)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Myanmar (30 January 2012)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Myanmar (30 January 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

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United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
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Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

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A/66/616	Item 149 — Financing of te United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire — Budget performance of the UnitedNations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 201 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *58 pages*
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S/2012/67	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*
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